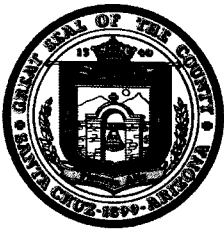


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RE: Proposed EPCOR water rate increase: Tubac, Arizona

Dear Commissioners Bitter Smith, Forese, Little, Stump, Burns:

EPCOR serves the community of Tubac, in Santa Cruz County, Arizona. The Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors opposes the request by EPCOR for a 66% water rate increase for the Tubac service area.

While we realize water is a precious commodity in Arizona, we feel this request is unjustified as it puts our residents at a disadvantage because of the small size of EPCOR's Tubac operation. EPCOR's water rates in their other operations are less.

A majority of the residents of Tubac are retired and live on fixed incomes. This proposed water rate increase will greatly affect them particularly in this economically distressed time period. Although EPCOR may desire this rate increase, we ask you to deny it and consider another approach.

Many EPCOR customers have requested EPCOR consolidate the Tubac operations with their other Arizona water companies to provide a more efficient delivery of services and uniform rate structure. We support this request and ask the members of the Commission to direct EPCOR to change their operations to reflect this approach.

We thank you for your consideration of our position and your service to our state.

Most respectfully submitted,

John Maynard
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